

# The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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## INAUGURATION SPLENDID!

Dr. George McKinney delivered a historic gospel message April 9, 1985. The occasion was the fifth inauguration and installation of the presidium and general officers of the church. Dr. McKinney, well known as a scholar, pastor and preacher, was impressive. His selection as the speaker of the hour was kept secret. The WHOLE TRUTH reported in the March issue that "the son would rise in the west," and for sure Dr. McKinney of California was mightily used of God.

He opened the address by stating that God has charged the church to do two things. Firstly, address the issues which cause trouble in the church. Secondly, the church must preach. Among the issues and concerns, he sited the challenge we Christians face to continue exhorting to escape the temptation of preaching the low view of Christ. Jesus must be increased! Next, a reaffirmation of true holiness in faith and practice must continue. He touched on the issues of war and peace; justice and freedom must be addressed by the church. The

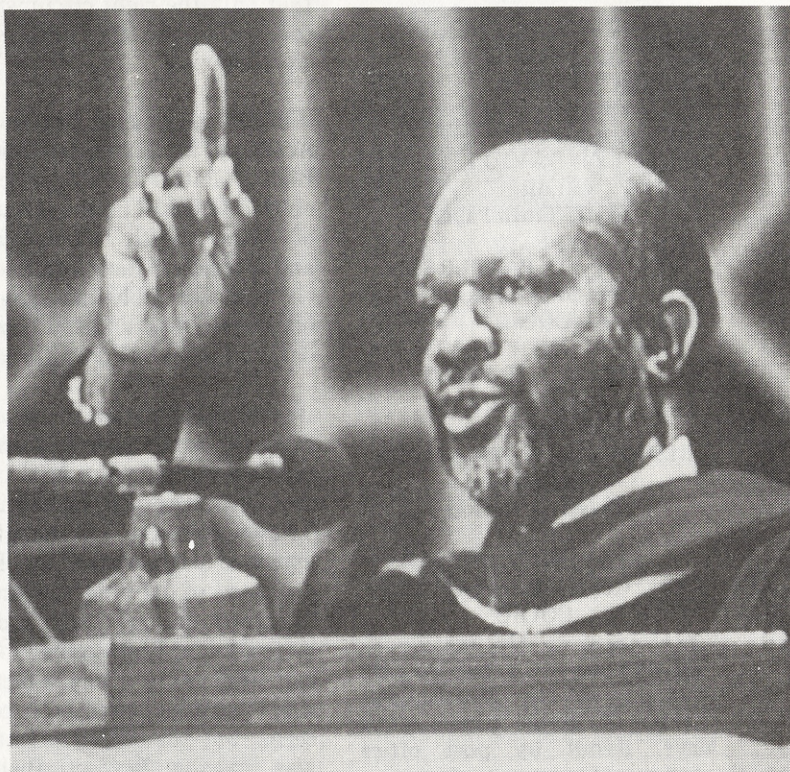
issue of the lack of reverence for human life is critical. The church must make a stand against abortion and so called mercy killing of the aged. The problem of world hunger, both spiritual and physical hunger, must be conquered. Both need every bit of attention the church can give. He was concerned that our national organization assume the task of educating youth and clergy; consequently, there needs to be a localizing of our training efforts. The church must sound the alarm with an inspired "end times message"; these are the last days. Lastly, the national financial plan must take root as fueling ministry carries a financial commitment.

The message, "A Simple Gospel for a Complex World", was developed from a text in Ephesians, the 4th chapter. In a profound way, he forged a vivid image of the godly paradox presented by God in the world. No matter how heavy, complex and difficult the world, God has left us a simple gospel to preach. He stressed that the gospel is not simple because it lacks intellec-

tual or cognitive process, rather it is simple because it presents the unity of God. The Greek origin of the term simply means unity; that is without complication.

Basically, Dr. McKinney reflected how the gospel should be presented void of unnecessary complication. Even in the face of this current and often complex world, the church must preach a simple gospel. A gospel in the words of Dr. McKinney must be preached "which is simple because it is irreducible". The gospel message is definitive and adding or taking away makes it less than gospel. He pointed out that less than gospel is void of basic foundational constructs. For example - without a virgin birth, one has no gospel and likewise without a resurrection, there is no gospel.

Dr. McKinney encouraged the congregation to believe the world must understand the nature of God. As we saints portray His image to the world, people will receive Christ. Saints must worship one God who



spoke one word of creation. That same God sent one Son to conquer His one and only enemy: Satan. When we fully understand that only Christ is the spoken word of redemption then we will receive power.

After Dr. McKinney supercharged the church, the inaugural and installation proceeded with all its splendor and beauty.

Bishop J. O. Patterson was installed as Presiding Bishop, President and Chief Apostle of the church. Bishop Louis Henry Ford was installed as First Assistant to the presiding bishop. Bishop Frederick Douglas Washington was installed as Second Assistant to the presiding bishop. Bishop John D. Husband, Bishop Jacob Cohen,

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS



BISHOP L. E. WILLIS

In what usually is an exciting event, the General Assembly met in quiet resolute and expedient style this April. In recent years, the assembly has been the source of great activity. Bishop Willis, the chairman, had an agenda complete with several pieces of unfinished business. He skillfully managed the agenda and completed everything one day early.

The opening of the assembly found the delegates ready to do business. Before any substantive issue of unfinished business occurred, the chairman entertained a constitutional question about the election of trustee

board members. The church's constitution allows from 15-21 members on the Board of Trustees. The recent election was to place 15 members on the board. Three of those members were to come from the tri-state area surrounding Memphis. As a result, an extra member was certified. The question of dropping or adding a trustee filled the air. The Trustee Board, itself, recommended a resolution to retain the 16th member. It was soon resolved that the chairman of the board voted only during dead lock votes; consequently, the even number was immaterial.

By this time, the assembly was rolling along. A resolution was submitted to review the decision to close Saints Academy in Lexington, Ms. Elder John C. Rodgers, Executive Director of the Saints Alumni Association, issued the resolution. Others came before the assembly in support. It was resolved that more investigation needs conducting before the assembly could act properly.

The chairman received another resolution submitted by Bishop J. O. Patterson and other distinguished clergy. The resolution

proposed a pension for the widow of any General Board Member. There was little resistance and the resolution passed easily.

In other business, the chairman terminated the audit committee upon the establishment of a financial system. Currently, Bishop Patterson and the General Board have a qualified CPA developing such a system. Upon presentation of the system to the assembly, the audit committee will cease to exist.

In a surprise move, the chairman announced that Bishop C. D. Owens would no longer serve as chairman of the Constitutional Committee. This move will be effective in November.

Another development was the denial of appeal to the General Assembly. The chairman sited various encumbrances such rights of appeal would have on the business of the assembly.

Later that night, the Constitutional Committee reported. No action was taken because the chairman promised that heavy matters like constitutional subject would be accompanied with handout materials.

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## INAUGURAL RECEPTION A SUCCESS



BISHOP AND MRS. J. O. PATTERSON

This past April 8, 1985, the inaugural reception honoring the saints witnessed a great fellowship. the event was the

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE by Elder David Hall

During the past April Call Meeting, Bishop J. O. Patterson delivered a public assessment of the necessity of having All Saints University. His remarks informed the General Assembly that only the right circumstances will make the university worth having.

With the recent closing of Saints Academy in Lexington, Miss., Bishop Patterson desires the church to continue the advance of education with our own brand and character. He informed the General Assembly that having our heritage is vital and foundational for creating ASU.

Bishop reflected that there were talks and some examination of possibly merging the ASU concept with an existing institution. The feasibility of merging appeared to be very positive. The prospect of gaining adequate facilities, library, staff and a large student body seemed to be a great blessing. Truly, a merge could have benefited both concerns, but something essential was missing. Respect. Bishop Patterson stated, "I have religious and church pride! If one makes insinuations that downgrade my church, it ruffles my hair. I'm holding that Church of God in Christ folk are not a bunch of nincompoops. No one can look down on us. We have as many educated people with degrees....many masters and Ph.D's."

The agents representing the existing institution did not like the name "saints." They were willing to take Bishop Patterson's name or Bishop Mason's name but not the word "saints."

### INAUGURATION SPLENDID!

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Bishop Cleveland Landis Anderson, Jr., Bishop Chandler David Owens, Bishop LeRoy Robert Anderson, Sr., Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr., Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks, II, Bishop Samuel Lee Green, Jr., and Bishop James Neaul Haynes were installed as General Board Members.

The general officers were installed, likewise. Bishop German Reed Ross was installed as General Secretary of the church and Secretary to the General Assembly. Elder St. Clair Yancy Burnett was installed as Secretary of Finance and Bishop Theodore Roosevelt Titus Davis was installed as General Treasurer.

Bishop Patterson's reply was that churches are named St. John, St. Mark, St. Luke and even a professional football team goes by the name saints. This indicates that as long as one really does not mean it, it is okay to be referred to as a saint.

Bishop Patterson reflected, "I thought that type of prejudice would not be healthy for our students. Our students need a place where they can say glory or speak in tongues. There is no need to form a marriage where our students can not look with pride and declare their school is truly ALL Saints University."

The Bishop is correct. Saints must yet be aware of the leaven of unrighteousness. To put our heritage in jeopardy by reinforcing prejudice and anxiety upon our youth is farcical. Anyway, it does not make sense to pay people to kick and abuse you. ALL Saints University is waiting to fulfill the void which has too long been denied sanctified people' an institution of higher learning where one has no reason to feel strange about being sanctified.

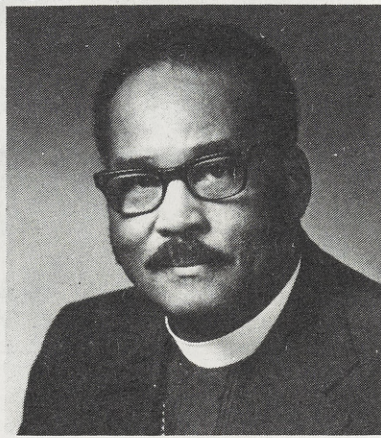
To deny ourselves the privilege of being called "All Saints" would contradict our character. All Saints University should be all saints in fact but, especially, in character. Possibly, I can say it better this way. Shakespeare's Hamlet asked the question, "To be or not to be?" Well, the brother has the answer:

Be what you is and not what you ain't.

If you is what you ain't  
And ain't what you is,  
Then you ain't nothing!

Those installed on the National Board of Trustees were as follows: Elder Roger L. Jones, Chairman and Elder Warren E. Miller, Secretary. Mother St. Carrie E. Dinwiddie, Elder C. E. Anderson, Mr. Alonzo Blair Baxter, Elder Wilbert Daniel, Mother Victoria Barnes, Elder Robert Jones, Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe, Elder Marcus Lee Butler, Bishop Tanner C. Perry, Mr. Walter Jones, Elder Elton Lawrence, Elder Nathaniel Wells, Jr., Elder Charles Samuel Tucker and Elder William T. Calhoun were all installed as Trustee Members.

Bishop J. O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop  
Church of God in Christ



## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

April 5, 1985

Dear Bishop Patterson:

I wanted to take this opportunity to commend you for your many years of service to the Church of God in Christ and the people of Memphis.

As presiding Bishop of your church, you have had a great impact on its life and that of its membership. You have imbued them with the same spirit of faith and love of your fellow man that has guided you from childhood. Your application of your religious beliefs to everyday experience and activities demonstrates your excellent understanding of the moral values on which our nation was founded.

You have every right to be proud of your achievements and your continuing efforts in behalf of the Lord and his works. May he continue to richly bless you and the worldwide membership of the Church of God in Christ.

Nancy joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Reagan

*Ronald Reagan*

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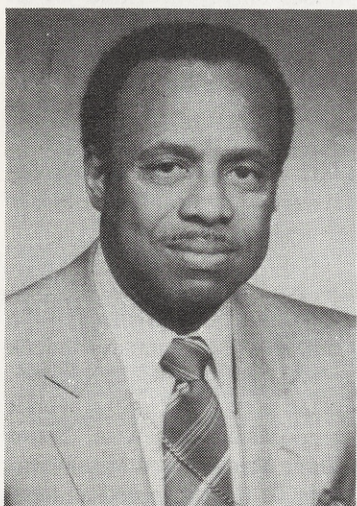
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# NATIONAL NEWS

## BISHOP WINBUSH DELIVERS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



**BISHOP ROY L. H. WINBUSH**

The Quadrennial Inaugural Celebration was characterized by various events and meaningful statements. One of the most meaningful expressions was presented by Bishop Roy. L. H. Winbush. He captured in a profound way the importance and gravity of the inaugural celebration, in relationship to the current world situation. The following is a transcription of that statement delivered by the

Bishop.

Greetings:

Our purpose is to inaugurate the Presiding Bishop, the General Board and the various officers entrusted with the care and nurture of this holy organization-the Church of God in Christ. This inauguration signals an event where individual saints witness the literal anointing of servants in the Church. This event demonstrates the essentials of real fellowship; whereas, all of God's people share in the encouraging of those charged to carry the mission on. Tonight, we shall witness the mantle of authority being placed upon the chosen of God. All of us eagerly await our participation in this splendid worship service.

Our purpose during this service is to commemorate our organizational position in Christ. We, saints, reinforce our lasting commitment to order and the church's authority, as sanctified

by the spirit. Therefore, this inauguration service is the embarkation of these church leaders' voyage through years of world service.

Our purpose is to do what is constitutionally mandated and to rejoice in the grace that God has granted us. Tonight, we shall witness the unbroken continuance of power. Along with our solemn prayers, these leaders will receive the prestige, dignity and stateliness associated with being a caretaker of Christ's Church. More profound is the charge these leaders have to maintain which is the standard of holiness in a growing organization.

Our purpose is to send a clarion message to this spurious and often hostile world that Christ is the head of our church. This inauguration negates the challenges of cynicism and reassures the lamenting that hope yet springs eternal. Furthermore, we as Black Pentecostals are acutely aware of the rancorous and fatal treatment received by the protesting and unarmed Blacks in South Africa. We, Church of God in Christ saints, are aware of the assiduous activity of the current administration to purchase larger bombs in an effort to frighten the world. Yet, all the time telling the poor to authenticate their Americanism in higher unemployment and poorer education. We, Church of God in Christ saints, see a world throttled by political upheaval, while hungry and tired masses died amid drought and famine.

This inauguration is a signal of hope! We stand in the foreground looking not at the backdrop of human despair but toward Christ and His blessings. We inaugurate leadership to serve humankind and to preach the gospel to the isolated and estranged. God has sanctified us all for these times and given us leadership for these times.

Lastly we are here, and it is our purpose to pray and support what God has given us. Hopefully, we shall be like Samuel gone to anoint a son of Jesse to lead Israel. Our purpose is not to examine the outward appearance, the friends or the speech

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## OVERFLOW CROWD SALUTES BISHOP P. A. BROOKS



**A proud and beaming Bishop Phillip A. Brooks accepted a proclamation from Mayor Coleman A. Young at his inaugural dinner Thursday evening at Cobo Hall.**

Bishop Phillip A. Brooks was calm and composed as some 2,000 persons waited inside the Riverview Room of Cobo Hall for his arrival on the podium.

It was "his night" Thursday and Bishop Brooks knew it. Still he was concerned about the welfare of his friends and colleagues, asking "Are you comfortable, are you being treated nice?"

The occasion was a testimonial and glorious inaugural celebration of Bishop Brooks' elevation to the General Board (presidium) of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Inc.

MAYOR COLEMAN YOUNG said of the event: "I am proud to join Bishop Brooks tonight in behalf of the fine citizens of Detroit and to bestow upon him the honor of a great citizen of this city."

Mayor Young added: "For a long time we have benefited from Bishop Brooks' leadership. He deserves the promotion he has received and I am here because

of his accomplishments as an outstanding minister."

Turning to the vast COGIC audience Mayor Young said, "I share your pride tonight. Although we ate them (Cobo Hall caterers) out of house and home, as the old saying goes, I am more proud to be here than ever." He then presented Bishop Brooks a

# NATIONAL SOUVENIR JOURNAL

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**FROM: Howard E. Quillen, Jr., Editor-in-Chief, National Souvenir Journal**



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Howard E. Quillen, Jr.

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## MISSION DEPARTMENT SPONSORING TRIP

The Church of God in Christ Department of Missions is underway in planning the 1985 Youth On A Mission foreign field program. Past team members are yet rejoicing over the successful trips we've had the past six years. Several young people have expressed an interest in participating and this is the time to make your plans to be a part of the 1985 program. The dates for this years' program are July 17th-August 17th.

The missions sites for 1985 are: Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, and London. The cost is \$2,200.00, Haiti-\$1,000.00.

The price include airfare from ones home to the field, lodging, and all meals. For further details

regarding preparations one needs to make can be secured by writing the COGIC Missions Dept. P. O. Box 491, Memphis, Tenn. 38101.

The activities while on the field generally include, conducting Vacation Bible school, revival services, street services, and performing light repair and maintenance work at our mission sites. Of course, time is set aside for sightseeing.

If you elect to travel with a team, it will definitely be an experience you will remember, enjoy and cherish forever.

Bishop Carlis L. Moody  
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## JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

### ELDER JOHN I. COBB APPOINTED BISHOP



BISHOP JOHN I. COBB

Monday night, December 17, 1984, The Right Reverend J. O. Patterson, the International Presiding Prelate of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., and the General Board of Bishops met in Chicago, Illinois, at St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 4526 Wabash Ave., in a special call meeting with the Pastors, Ordained Elders, State Officials and Laity of Southern Illinois Jurisdiction for the purpose of electing and appointing a new Jurisdictional Bishop for Southern Illinois. Bishop E. Lenox, of Chicago, Ill., has served as Bishop of this Jurisdiction since its origin in 1947, by the Founder of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. He resigned as Bishop because of ill health and recommended two persons names for consideration to the Presiding Bishop and General Board, Elder John I. Cobb who was serving as his 1st Administrative Assistant and Elder R. L. Ford of Chicago, his 2nd Administrative Assistant.

Elder Cobb has served under the leadership of Bishop Lenox since 1947, moving to Illinois from his native home of Ft. Worth, Texas, with the late Elder C. J. Scott, accompanying him in Revival as a Gospel singer. Elder Scott was appointed the Pastor of Mur-

physboro Church of God in Christ, Murphysboro, Ill., and Elder Cobb moved with him to assist him in this new work. He served as Choir Director and Youth Director. He acknowledged his call to the ministry in 1948. He was appointed as Junior Church Pastor and organized a Community Youth Activities Center. Many youth were won to Christ. He was ordained an Elder in 1949. Bishop Lenox observed the faithfulness and loyalty of this man, who was eager to do whatever he could to help the work of God move forward. He was appointed to Pastor the Pulaski Church of God in Christ, Pulaski, Ill., in 1949. In the Spring of 1951, he was appointed as District Superintendent of Lower Southern District. In June of 1951, he returned to Ft. Worth to be married to Robbie Lois Higgins. In August of 1951, at the State Convocation in Carbondale, Bishop Lenox appointed Elder Cobb as Pastor of 30th St. Church of God in Christ, Cairo, now First Church of God in Christ. In 1963, he was appointed State Executive Secretary. In 1973, he was elected by the State General Assembly and appointed by Bishop Lenox as the 1st Administrative Assistant. He has held these positions until the present.

Elder Cobb has been very busy in this community since moving here in 1951. He is an humanitarian, always concerned about the conditions of the poor and underprivileged, and has striven to do all that he could to better the quality of life for all people. When he moved to Cairo, He worked very diligently to have the public accommodation laws enforced so that all public places would be open for all people to patronize freely and with dignity. He served on the Eisenhower Committee for

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## ELDER JAMES WARD APPOINTED BISHOP



BISHOP ROBERT JAMES WARD

Bishop Robert James Ward, a God-sent preacher, was born December 6, 1930, in Augusta, Arkansas. At the age of nineteen (April 18, 1950, to be exact), he was saved at the Kennerly Temple Church of God in Christ. He was filled with the precious Holy Ghost, and spoke in tongues as the spirit gave utterance, and

was called to preach the same year.

Under the pastorate of the late Rev. Frank James Hayden, Bishop Ward preached morning, noon, and night. He preached on the radio broadcast and everytime the occasion permitted. He eventually was appointed to the position of Assistant Pastor at Kennerly Temple. As a young minister, he was the Western District Evangelist.

He founded the St. Paul Church of God in Christ on Lee Avenue and the Lord blessed his vision. Soon after, he was appointed District Assistant Superintendent to the late Rev. R. A. Bishop.

On the State level, Bishop Ward:

\* served as Regional Director for the Home and Foreign Mission

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MOTHER ZELMA SPEIGHT

The Central Jurisdiction of Tennessee Women's Conference convened April 3-5, 1985. Bishop W. L. Porter is the fine bishop of that jurisdiction and Mother Zelma Speight, the State Supervisor of Women, presided.

There was just a glimmer of old-fashionedness observed by the delegates who attended the Women's conference. The meeting convened at the Covington Church of God in Christ where Elder Charles Rodgers is pastor. The fact that the conference was held during the week of Easter celebration made it easy for all minds and hearts to be focused on Calvary. The theme was appropriately titled, "God's Gracious Benefits in Retrospect." The atmosphere of the conference was charged by the high praise and worship of the Lord for his benefits. Every woman in attendance was blessed as the missionaries, pastors' wives and lay members spoke the powerful gospel of Christ. Souls were blessed through each morning's prayer breakfast. Addressing the saints were Missionary Earline Crutchfield, Sister Frankie Hayslett and Sister Nina Lowe.

There were classes conducted throughout the day, everyday and great things happened. Many of the women attending the sessions were delegates sent

Holy Greetings to the Saints everywhere from the REED CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST in Temple, Texas.

The Lord just recently blessed us to come together in the FIRST ANNUAL ALL SAINT'S CITY-WIDE EASTER REVIVAL. This revival was the vision of our Pastor Elder G. O. Glenn to invite sister churches not only from within our Texas Southwest Jurisdiction but also two other churches from Texas Northeast Jurisdiction participated.

Each night was a glorious experience as the saints gathered in prayer and praise to God and the power of the Holy Ghost fell in the room. There were five (5) churches involved including Reed Chapel, and each pastor spoke on a different night, starting April 1st thru the 5th.

Our pastor spoke on Monday night from the soul stirring thought of "COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS."

Elder Charles Ray Beard of Dallas, Texas, the pastor of Haynes Temple Church of God in Christ in Mexia, Texas came and spoke to our hearts on

## CENTRAL TENNESSEE WOMEN'S CONVENTION

by their local congregation to report back all the good news. Dean Myrtle Vann and Missionary Juanita Rice were the instructors who, capably, made factual and inspiring presentations.

There were three magnificent speakers for the evening sessions. Missionary Lee Ella Smith opened the meeting and reminded us to never forget "God's Gracious Benefits." It was evident that much research and Biblical study was done to make her presentation meaningful. Bishop W. L. Porter addressed the conference that Thursday night, and under the anointing of the Holy Ghost he admonished the women to get back to the basics. His subject was "Get Right With God."

Mother Zelma Speight was at her spiritual best each night. Her song of praise throughout the

meeting was "He put running in my feet, clapping in my hands, praises on my lips, and joy in my dance. He's done great things for me." The exuberant crowd heard Mother Speight's official message, "Agony in the Cup." The text was found in Mark 14:32-42. Few will forget the power and meaning behind her message.

A special thanks must be given to the Music Department of the jurisdiction. Missionary Blalock and Brother James Norman conducted songs of Zion to benefit the occasion. Likewise, Sister George Macklin and Missionary Doris D. Harris served as moderators throughout the entire meeting. Surely, everyone had a generous time.

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN HAS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Women's Department of the First Jurisdiction of Southeastern Wisconsin was blessed to experience and enjoy the 4TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE on Saturday, March 2, 1985, at the Greater Westside Church of God in Christ, Elder W. Hines, Host Pastor. The theme was "PRESSING ON: FORGETTING WHAT'S BEHIND." State Supervisor Mother V. Hudson was led to plan such a conference, and the LORD set HIS approval on the effort by blessing souls with our

State Bishop, Dr. D. Flakes opening the session with prayer, anointing with oil, and laying on hands. The workshop that followed truly increased our understanding relative to the attributes of godly leadership. Pertinent areas explored were: determination, commitment, persistence, humility, the Spirit that conquers, examination, doing it without mumuring, and the necessity of a consecrated and consistent prayer life.

In the words of Mother Hudson, "we are faced with much stress, pressures and discomforts in life; we are troubled on every side. One thing which will help us to overcome is forgetting those things behind us. We must use the example given by Apostle Paul when he said, I press forward."

By the end of the conference, we were enlightened with the importance of developing a more consecrated, Christ-centered life. We praise God for leaders with such insight and who also have the Saints at heart.

Mother R. Carter, State Reporter  
Mother V. Hudson, State Supv.  
Doctor D. Flakes, State Bishop

### MAKE PLANS

### TO ATTEND

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### MIAMI, FLORIDA

On Friday night our hearts burned within as Supt. (ret.) F. M. Thompson of Taylor, Texas, pastor of the Belton Church of God in Christ in Belton, Texas electrified our hearts with the theme, "THE CROSS, THE CRUCIFIXION AND THE CHRIST." Supt. Thompson who

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## MISSIONARY TO NIGERIA, W. AFRICA



ELDER OSCAR JEFFERSON

Elder Oscar L. Jefferson of New York City (a missionary to Nigeria, W. Africa) writes, I have just returned home from my eighth trip to the West African Country of Nigeria, may I add my longest and most successful trip. I was out of the country 55 days, not only did my trip take me to Nigeria (Africans most populous country) where I ministered for 50 days, preaching, teaching, lecturing and singing, but by special invitation from the Assemblies of God Church, after leaving Lagos, I went to Cairo, Egypt, where for the first time I preached to the Arabs; also the Assemblies of God invited me to stop at Athens, Greece where I ministered 3 days to the Greeks, then flew non-stop 6,000 miles back to New York City.

My annual trip to Nigeria covers 8 of the 19 states and such cities as Lagos, Ibadon, Benin City, Warri, Onitsha, Akure, Nnewi, Enugu, Abakaliki, Afikpo, Okigwe, Owerri, Umuahia, Aba, Port Harcourt.

After prayerfully contemplating this tour, I asked the Lord for 1,000 converts (this number was exceeded). Since Nigerian churches have more men than women, this gives me an excellent opportunity to emphasize man's leadership role in the church and home, if a church has 1,000 members (and most

have more) 600 or more will be young men.

With an interpreter I've preached to as many as 10,000 natives in one open air service.

This year I had a chance to preach in 2 of Nigeria's prison yards to more than 500 men and women inmates. The Nigerian churches are strong and well organized and the membership has strong faith in God that he will intervene in their struggle against poverty and inflation. There are four major problems that plagues this country. They are roads, water, telephones and electrical power, plus many others.

The Lord leads me in each crusade to do two specific things: (1) to stress the eternal value of each member of each church (regardless of denomination) to be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:1-4 and Eph. 5:22, 23 and that the nine gifts of the spirit be in operation in each congregation I Cor. 12:1-11. 2: in each crusade one night is set aside called "Deliverance Night" where special prayer is offered that each one in attendance can be freed from Satan's various oppressions and evil spirits such as witchcraft, juju, black magic, sorcery, etc. St. Mark 16:17. Though I have to preach each service with an interpreter, yet the message of the Gospel is very effective, spiritually.

Being a life-long member of the Church of God in Christ, as I travel, I am a little partial to my church, but I preach in churches of all faiths, wherever I am invited; Church of God in Christ, Gospel Church of Christ, Grace of God, Assemblies of God, Church of God Int'l., St. Peters Roman Catholic Church, Christ Apostolic Church, Christ Chosen Church of God, Baptist Church, Christ Ascension Church, Onward Christian

Church, Assembly of the Redeemed and many others.

The Lord allowed me to write two booklets (64 pages) on theology, which I sell as I travel, "You can be a RADIANT CHRISTIAN" and "Today is THE DAY OF PENTECOST" which through the scriptures explains the teachings of Christ and the Apostles.

It is very humbling when I arrive in a Nigerian town or village and I hear the new going out. Elder Jefferson, the missionary is here, and within a few hours over one thousand natives fills the church, first to hear the Gospel, then to see a Black American Missionary. (They've always asked where are the Black American men missionaries) and as I leave the village I only hear, thank you for coming and hurry back we love you, in one of their 300 languages or dialects. (The countries population is 90-100 million.)

Though Nigeria is a 3rd World or developing country, with high inflation, high unemployment and high governmental corruption, yet in my travels I am able to organize the membership to build their own churches, parsonages, bible schools and dormitories, instead of asking someone else to do it for them. And by the Grace of God several churches and parsonages have already been completed and several more are now under construction, all to the Glory of God.

My wife, Bobbie Jean and I formed what we called a husband and wife missionary team. She and I both visit the foreign field each year (as Gospel teacher) she stays home and takes care of our seven children (all of which love the Lord and are faithful to church) while I

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## HOW'S YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?



MARY KENNEDY

### YOU'RE ALLOWED TO CRY SOMETIMES

Many saints feel guilty when they cry or are discouraged. Often we are taught that we should be happy and joyful all the time. This can lead to frustration when we cannot maintain a spiritual "high," and it can lead to hypocrisy when we try to pretend that we feel good when actually we are miserable.

I'm not saying that you should go around gloomy and sad, or that you should always be complaining about your troubles. You have a responsibility to glorify God regardless of your circumstances; when someone asks how you are, you can always say, "I'm blessed." But I want you to know that the Bible offers us help, not condemnation, for those times when we are unhappy as we serve the Lord. (If you are unhappy because you have sinned, make it right with God right away!) Ecclesiastes 3:4 says, "There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh..." As you work for the Lord there will be times of shadow and discouragement. We'll discuss what the Bible says about that, but first some words of caution:

Let your misery be private, between you and the Lord. Occasionally you will need to get godly counsel, but don't broadcast your discomfort so that everyone knows. Never allow your troubles to take your mind away from God; don't magnify your problems till they seem larger than the Lord. Be honest with Him and tell Him what's bothering you, but also be ready to hear Him when He speaks peace to you (Psalm 85:8). Learn how to say "...but..." ("I'm weary, Lord, but I love you. I'm discouraged but I trust you. I'm confused but I know you are working things out for me. I'm sick but I know you're a healer.") Finally, don't be surprised at your ups and downs. You can't stay on the mountaintop if you want to go forward; you have to go down into the valleys every now and then. But be assured that God is with you even in the valleys, and that He has His reasons for leading you through them.

Now, what does the Bible say about weeping, or sorrow? Jesus said, "Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh." (Luke 6:21b) I believe He meant that saints will be blessed when they are honest about their feelings. If you will acknowledge that you are feeling blue, God will have a chance to comfort you. He knows we are frail creatures with great burdens. When we admit that we are feeling overwhelmed and inadequate, we are ready to cast our cares on Him and receive the joy that He wants to give. But as long as we try to ignore the bad feelings, even in our prayers, we will not be open to His blessings of peace and strength. Learn to groan and wail before the Lord when you need to!

Here is a special skill that any Christian can acquire: Be able to rejoice in your mind even though your heart is heavy. Be able to say, "But I thank you, Lord," even while tears are streaming down your face. I Peter 1:6, 7 says, "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ..."

There will be times when God leads you through tests and trials to build your faith. Don't be surprised or discouraged, wondering why all these bad things are happening to a saint! Satan will try to tell you that you're suffering because you're sinful, or because the Lord does not really care what happens to you. But the devil is a liar and this trial is just proof of God's love for you; He is using this time

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## PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE CELEBRATE PENTECOST

Pentecostal Temple celebrates its heritage in pentecostalism with a week long series of lectures and a Holy Ghost revival conducted by the Dr. George D. McKinney of San Diego, California. The revival will be May 20-26, 1985. Several activities have been planned by the chairman, Elder Clarence Cranford, Jr. The speakers are as follows: Rabbi Edmund Winter, "The Origin and Meaning of Pentecost". Mr. Winter is the rabbi of Beth Shalom Synagogue. Rev. J. Wesley Payne, "With One Accord and in One Place". Mr. Payne is pastor of Ridgeway Assembly of God. Elder David Hall, "The People at Pentecost." Mr. Hall is the editor of the Whole Truth Newspaper. Rev. Frank Martin, "The Message at Pentecost". Mr. Martin is pastor of First Assembly of God. Elder David Hall, "The Conversion that Gave Birth to a Church."

On Saturday, May 25, 1985,

there will be an added attraction by popular demand....Bishop J. O. Patterson will hold a two part informal dialogue and discussion forum from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Women will be in session with Bishop from 10:00 to 11:30 and men from 12:30 to 2:00. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the views from our leader about the family.

Sunday, May 26, 1985, will be the climax of the whole week's activities. That day the congregation will celebrate Pentecost. Don't miss the various presentations and joyful worship.

A free dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. daily to those pressed for time to be present for the 6:30 p.m. lectures.

Remember-Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m., there will be a lecture to proceed the 8:00 p.m. service.



The photo above has Dr. C. C. Owens presenting an award to Bishop F. D. Washington. The award is a special tribute of recognition to Bishop Washington proclaiming him as one of the greatest evangelical preachers of the 20th century.

The Religious Workers Guild,

Inc., makes presentation of the award annually. Bishop Washington received the 25th annual presentation. Dr. Owens is President of the guild. Bishop W. L. Porter serves as Vice-President, Supervisor Lucy Flagg is Public Relations and Sis. Christine J. Jones is Secretary of the guild.



## OVERFLOW CROWD SALUTES BISHOP

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proclamation from the mayor's office. (Young's comment about food was a reference to the fact that, due to the overflow crowd, the food ran out.)

There to present an award from the City Council was its president, Erma Henderson, who was joined on the podium by Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey. Mrs. Henderson called Bishop Brooks' services to the city "potent and powerful" while speaking of his leadership ability.

Supt. A. G. Burrell of Flint, administrative assistant to Bishop Brooks in the Northeastern District of COGIC, was general chairman for the dinner. He said, "Bishop Brooks understands what it means to struggle and to suffer." Then Rev. C. H. Hawthorne prayed: "Thank you, Lord, for giving us a man like Bishop Brooks."

Recorder's Court Judge Craig Strong, honorary dinner chairman, thanked Bishop Brooks for encouraging and helping him to make a successful run for a seat on the bench.

"We are proud because people, all over the world recognize Bishop Brooks as a man of God," Strong added. COGIC is an international denomination with members in Canada, Africa and many islands.

But it was Dr. Donald Wheelock of Lexington, Miss., a professor at Saints Academy and Dr. Charles Quillen of New York, also a professor, who brought the audience to their feet with their brief comments about Bishop Brooks contributions to COGIC.

Because the International Prelate, Bishop J. O. Patterson of Memphis, who was slated to be guest speaker, could not attend after being injured in an automobile accident in Virginia, Bishop F. D. Washington of Brooklyn, N.Y., was guest speaker. "The Length, Depth, and Height of a Man" was his subject.

The description of the dinner as "a glorious inaugural celebration" was an apt one. And many of Bishop Brooks' friends and colleagues from across the country were on hand to witness and participate in the very special occasion.

Among them: Supt. and Mrs. Willie Wade of Lansing; Supervisor Nancy Lewis, the Rev. William Bonner, Dr. Arthur Lockhart and Dr. Bennie Allison, all of Chicago; Dr. George McKinney; San Diego; Dr. Noble Hinson, Dr. H. S. Byas and Dr. A. M. Poe, all of Los Angeles.

Also Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Green, Jr. and Elder and Mrs. Dwight Green, all of Hampton, Va.; Bishop Leroy Anderson, Buffalo; Odessa Newman, Dallas; Supt. Bennie Anderson and Dr. S. Y. Burnett, Miami; the Rev. LaDell Thomas, Waco Texas; Bishop David Spann, Baltimore, Md.; Bishop and Mrs. Leroy Anderson, New York, and

General Board member Bishop C. L. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson of Detroit.

Also on hand were Senator Jackie Vaughn, III, Dr. Charles Wright, Mary Lou Parks, who represented Gov. Blanchard and Wardell Croft. Bishop Brooks' daughter, Faith S. Brooks, served as mistress of ceremonies.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS

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The General Board made its report to the General Assembly. Bishop Jacob Cohen made the report. The report reflected the busy schedule and difficulties encountered by board members.

By the end of the night, 120 jurisdictions had reported to the finance office. This announcement was made and the action demonstrated the cooperation between the jurisdictions and the national organization. Certainly, Dr. S. Y. Burnett who is serving his 4th term as Financial Secretary was encouraged by the development.

Finally, the chairman presented the presiding bishop for his annual address to the General Assembly.

## WINBUSH STATES PURPOSE

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of these people. No! No! Let us do what God said to do and I quote, But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

## ELDER JOHN I. COBB APPOINTED JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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Human Rights, NAACP, Bd. of Directors for the Shawnee Development Council. He was the first black Alexander County Supervisor for Shawnee, the first black to serve on the Fire and Police Board and was instrumental in the hiring of the first black fireman in Cairo. He served as Program Coordinator and Job Developer over five counties for the Dept. of Labor, and was instrumental in placing many people on permanent employment. Elder Cobb opened the doors of the church to house the 30th St. Community Day Care Center in the lower level of the church and was the first Charter member who later became the President of the Board which afforded many young mothers the opportunity to return to school or obtain employment without the worry of child care. The center was in session from 1976 to 1982. He also served on the Board of Directors of Egyptian Housing and Day Star Nursing Home. He is presently serving as Chairman of Alexander County Building Commission; Member of Board of Little Egypt Housing Corp.; Cairo Community Devel-

opment Corp.; and Shawnee Development Advisory Committee for Alexander County. His wife, Robbie is very active in the local church and is District Missionary of Lower Southern District. She is Coordinator of Education Fund of State Women's Department and this year served as Dean of Workshop for State Women's Convention. Bishop Patterson and the General Board made their decision to appoint Elder Cobb to the Bishopric after careful examination of both men individually and the voting of the Pastors of the Jurisdiction which gave Elder Cobb an overwhelming majority of votes. The Assembly gave a five minute standing ovation. The Inaugural and Consecration Services will be held at a later date. The two churches under the pastorage of Bishop Cobb came together on Sunday morning at the First Church of God in Christ, Cairo, to give salutes and congratulatory expressions. After morning worship dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jordan. Hosted by Mrs. Vertie Johnson, Chairman of Women's Dept., of Lower Southern District and Missionary Maggie Pullen, Co-chairman.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Department for Dioceses No. 1 & 2

\* served as Missouri Program Chairman and facilitated the move of the Convocation from local churches to the Chase Hotel (in order to accommodate more Saints)

\* co-sponsored the J. O. Patterson Crusade in St. Louis area

\* was appointed by the National Convocation Committee to conduct the Jurisdictional Convocation in 1980 (Kiel Opera House-Civic Auditorium)

\* served on the Ordination Board for the Board of Elders-Jurisdictional No. 1.

On the National level, Bishop Ward:

\* is presently serving as secretary for the Superannuation Board

\* has delivered the broadcast message several times during the Holy National Convocation in Memphis, Tenn.

\* has hosted the National and International Home and Foreign Mission Convention

\* sent \$8,000.00 in money, goods, beds, and resources to the foreign fields through Missionary Page.

In the civic world, Bishop Ward has served as a Commissioner for the City Welfare Commission.

Bishop Ward has given untiringly of himself, financially and time wise to many unfortunate persons. He was also a source of help and strength for the Late Mother Ellen Bostick Bronaugh.

He has encouraged and trained

many ministers and through his ministry, many souls have been saved.

He is a staunch, strong supporter of the principles, doctrine and tenets of the Church of God in Christ. His byline is: "Ain't nobody mad, but the Devil!"

He is married to Mrs. Dorothy Ward, active missionary, senior choir, and youth worker. Mrs. Ward is affectionately recognized for her unpretentious demeanor. They are the parents of one outstanding daughter, Attorney Marilyn Ward Ford, who is the wife of Attorney Gary Ford. They reside in Connecticut with two active children.

## WE SALUTE THE WARD FAMILY!

Ida Goodwin Woolfolk

## TEXAS REPORT

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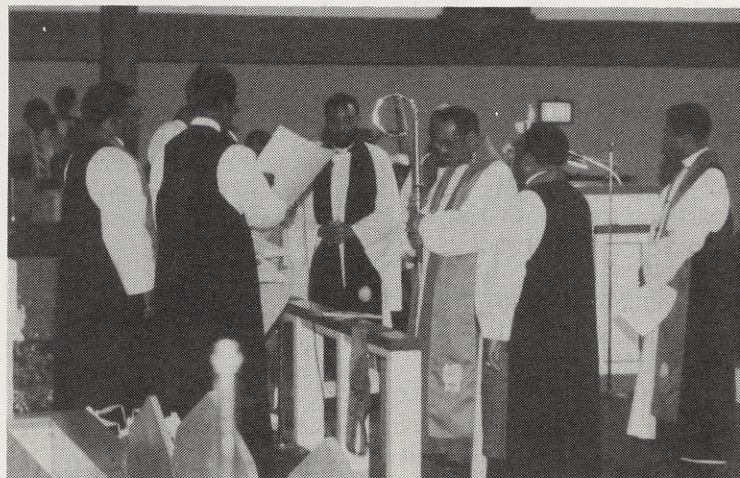
the Lord has brought up from open heart surgery and much illness also had been physically incapacitated that week, but as a good soldier of the cross pressed his way and closed this meeting with the latter rain falling in the room.

Saint's from all the churches came every night and already talk is on about (the Lord willing next year) the Second (2nd) Annual All Saint's Revival. Elder Glenn just recently picked up the Pastoral Mantle laid down by a great soldier of the Lord that went to sleep, the late Pastor and Founder Elder J. R. Reed. The late pastor's wife Sister M. L. Reed and the rest of the saint's at the Reed Chapel have really got in with Elder Glenn to help carry on the work started over thirty years ago by the late Elder Reed. Elder Reed left a beautiful brick, air conditioned edifice as monument of his labor.

Elder Glenn has been blessed to



Saints enjoy the fine food served at the reception.



Bishop J. O. Patterson holding golden staff of the shepherd.

come to Reed Chapel after serving under some of the great leaders of our church such as Bishop(s) Carl Roberson and LeRoy Anderson of Buffalo, New York, Bishop Ted Thomas of Virginia No. 1 and most recently from under Supt. Frank Smith of Dallas, Texas.

Remember us in your prayers as we strive to invite souls to Christ in these last and evil days.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sister M. S. Glenn

## MISSIONARY TO NIGERIA, W. AFRICA

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travel in January and February, and I stay home and take care of things while she travels to Nigeria each September for 4 1/2 or 5 weeks. She will leave New York City and fly non-stop 8,000 miles to Lagos, Nigeria, August 28, 1985. God willing.

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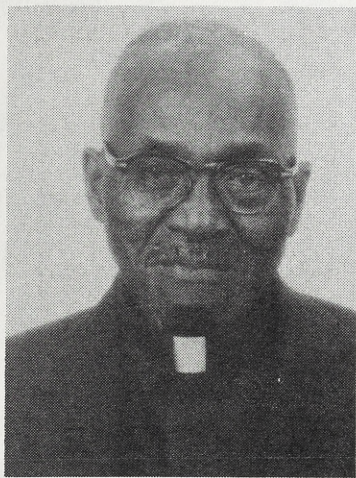
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## IDLEWILD



ELDER AND MRS. JAMES C. PELLUM



The beginning of the Church of God in Christ in Idlewild, Michigan dates back to 1928. A young man of great character and strength came to Idlewild from Welston seeking employment; he has been there for 57 years. The news is that he and his family still pursue the mission Christ called him to work out. Though he started working for \$5.00 a week, God has elevated the woodcutter to a pastor and preacher.

This article is about Elder James C. Pellum. Elder Pellum was attending a church meeting in Muskegon, Michigan when state overseer, Elder Kissentiner, asked him to move to Idlewild. Then a young minister. Minister Pellum accepted the offer and went to work on Elder Kissentiner's farm. Minister Pellum felt God wanted him to go and in 1928, the move was made. A little later, he sent for Sister Pellum and the children to come by train, November 28, 1928.

Idlewild was the only prominent Black summer resort in that part of the country. Many people from different parts of the country travelled there to vacation. Night clubs booked famous Black entertainers and proved to be good business. During those days, there was not a holiness church in that area.

Elder Kissentiner brought a team of mules for Minister Pellum to use on the farm. There were no electric lights or gravel roads, only kerosene lamps and little trails. It was a different time to be sure.

The people of Idlewild were not acquainted with holiness in those days and made life difficult for the Pellums. Minister Pellum continued faithfully, praying and working the farm. Overseer Kissentiner gave Minister Pellum permission to start the first holiness church in the area. One of his first members was a man he met shoveling snow on the road. That was Brother Wyatt. Soon a few people were saved and added to the church. Most of the saints had to walk 3 or 4 miles through rain, deep snow and sub-zero weather to attend church. By 1929, the Lord blessed Minister Pellum to build a brush harbor. Later in 1930, they acquired a red frame school house on Foreman Road. God has since blessed in many ways.

In 1936, state overseer, Elder C. L. Anderson, saw Minister Pellum's faithfulness and continuous labor. He ordained Minister Pellum and gave him full authority. Later, the church

was able to buy several lots on which to build a building. The struggle took two years and great effort. Later, another church was built on Tacoma Street, using materials from the old church. Sister Pellum and the children worked alongside Elder Pellum. Through donations and help, the Lord blessed Elder Pellum to complete the church building. Most of the labor was done by him as he was not financially able to hire help. God blessed his hands and enabled him to do the construction.

The Pellum's were not only church builders but family builders, likewise. They were married in August of 1919, and had eight children. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary August 30, 1984. The family honored them in their home in Idlewild.

At the celebration, they took into account how God blessed the Pellum family. Their son, Elder Fred Pellum, pastors in Atlanta, Ga. Elder James Powell, a grandson, pastors in Oklahoma City, Ok. Elder James Thomason, another grandson, pastors in Port Huron, Michigan, and Elder Christopher Powell assists Elder Pellum at the Idlewild church.

The Lord has truly blessed this couple for their service in the ministry.

## INAUGURAL RECEPTION

### A SUCCESS

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the Presiding Bishop, James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr. A gathering of saints representing a cross-section of the church and many local community leaders were in attendance. The theme, "Recognizing a Servant's Service," was befitting the occasion, as the church celebrated the sixteen years of leadership provided by the Bishop. Furthermore, the saints gathered to celebrate the fifth term and the continuation of Bishop J. O. Patterson's service to the church.

The Goldroom at the national headquarters was filled with saints who happily fellowshiped one with another. The April Meeting is normally a business oriented session, but the quadrennial inauguration and installation of officers brought an added dimension. The reception was the perfect social gathering. The Goldroom

was filled with people, and the air was filled with conversation and laughter. The saints greeted old friends and enjoyed each other in the beauty of holiness. Accompanying the sound of joy was the beautiful music of harpist, Mrs. Leigh Hudson. She performed Bach, Handel and several variations of religious hymns.

Bishop and Mrs. J. O. Patterson entered the room to a loud applause. They received the congratulations and love of the entire throng. The night was Bishop Patterson's, though his mind was not totally on the events of the evening. Bishop was pondering the future of the church. In answer to many questions asked by the WHOLE TRUTH, Bishop, Philosophically yet hopefully, spoke about the church. He reflected, "the General Board Members are here and we are united. Our unity should create four years of good leadership for our church." Bishop's thoughts ventured to ASU, and he reflected that ASU is top priority for him. In nearly prophetic terms he said, "ASU is only a beginning of the dream and not an end. Our church must do the Lord's business. If we expect to evangelize the world, the training of capable youth is essential; only then, can we be good stewards of all that God has given us. Our church is not prepared to conform to the world's pressures but to launch an evangelistic campaign to save souls and create the abundant life of which Christ spoke. If this campaign could materialize, God would be glorified evermore."

The crowd of well wishers continued to press for the Presiding Bishop's attention. Bishop had a plate of delicious food in front of him but could not enjoy it. Of all the excellent food, he could barely get a taste. When asked about his trying to sample some of the tasty food, Bishop smiled and commented, "fortunately I'm not too hungry."

Sister Patterson was busy smiling and receiving the saints. She commented how every smiling face made her feel very happy. She stated, "In the next four years, I pray that Saint's Center can materialize. Bishop Mason wanted progress to happen for the church. He was a firm believer in progress and never standing still. We saints can do anything together! This outpouring of love allows me to know we can be together." When asked what she was going to attempt the next four years, she replied, "Mostly, I want to be a vital part of the next four years. I want to undergird my husband's every effort."

The crowd consisted of General Board Members and saints the world over. Dr. Early Wright of Detroit made the consensual remark when he said, "I'm impressed. this occasion has developed so smoothly. To experience such harmony and fellowship with the saints is wonderful. This evening is a testimony to the stability and love within the ranks of our church. Our Presiding Bishop has proven to be a capable administrator and clergyman. We certainly should demon-

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship Activities will be held in Memphis, Tennessee during our November Convocation. Preliminary activities (competition) will be held Friday, November 8, 1985 at 12:00 noon in the chapel of Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ, Linden Avenue at Danny Thomas Blvd., Bishop J. O. Patterson, pastor. Finalists will be selected by judges, and the finalists will perform and be awarded scholarships at the Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner which will be held Saturday, November 9, 1985. If you are eligible to participate in the Fine Arts Activities, please inform your Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop so that they may provide financial assistance for your trip.

### GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To cultivate broader acceptance and deeper appreciation for Fine Arts talent in our church.
2. To stimulate and enhance interest in careers and advanced studies in the area of Fine Arts.
3. To motivate and encourage greater self-expression among our youth who possess such talents.
4. To emphasize the applicability of Fine Arts to effective ministries in our church.
5. To offer financial assistance to promising persons who are seeking to further develop their skills in Fine Arts and who correlate these skills with spiritual growth and development.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any member of the Church of God in Christ is eligible who is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six (16-26). The applicant must exhibit skill in Fine Art and must be contemplating or currently pursuing a career at a school or university of higher learning in the area of Fine Arts in performing music-vocal or instrumental, drama-speech, dramatic or oral interpretation; visual painting, sculpture, crafts, etc. Each participant must:

1. Bring a transcript from the previous or current semester's high school, college or university.
2. Visual artists should exhibit three or four original art works.
3. Performing artists should prepare two different selections representing musical or dramatic presentation.
4. Each participant will have a brief interview with the judges.

Please Complete Application And Mail To:

**Sara Jordan Powell**  
Director of Talent and Fine Arts  
9203 McAvoy Drive  
Houston, Texas 77074

### Scholarship Candidate Profile Application

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Church Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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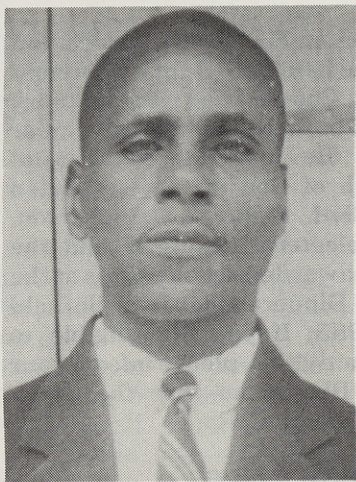
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# WE REMEMBER



ELDER JASPER H. HANEY

The Church of God in Christ, Tugbake Station, Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa, suffered a great loss when their pastor, Elder Jasper H. Haney passed.

Elder Haney was born in the hinterland of Cape Palmas. He came to Tugbake Mission when he was just a teenaged boy. There he received his academic and religious training. He met a beautiful girl at Tugbake who later became his wife. Jasper and Hazel married sometime during the fifties. To this union four sons were born. Two of the sons completed their college education in America. The other two are with their mother in Liberia.

Sister Haney has served the Church likewise. She was the first National Women's Convention President of the Liberian Church of God in Christ, which was organized in 1965. Missionary Beatrice Lott was instrumental in that effort.

Pastor Jasper Haney passed away from this life March, 1984. One heaven later it is befitting we remember his pioneering efforts. Today we bring an offering of flowers gathered from far and near. He served his people well, both the Church and the surrounding communities. He was a true representative of the Church of God in Christ, located in West Africa. He pastored longer than any other minister in the area.

All of us look forward to that great reunion in heaven.

Submitted by,  
Family and Friends  
Missy. Beatrice S. Lott

# HOW'S YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

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to prepare a blessing for you, and to prepare you for a blessing.

So even though your emotions are heavy during a trial-even though you feel tired or depressed-let there be a little praise in your mind even though you don't feel good in your heart. Remember what God has promised in His word and cling to these promises in your head; eventually they'll work down to your heart and you'll begin to feel better.

Finally, stay active for the Lord even though you are unhappy. Psalm 126:6 says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This is God's guarantee to you: If you

serve Him and do His will, even though you feel miserable, He will bless you with joy in your heart and with fruit from your labor.

He has given each of us precious seed to be sown wherever He sends us. And it is highly unusual for anyone who is working for God to have an easy path. Perhaps this precious seed must be watered by our tears so that it will bear fruit.

As long as you are in this world, you will have troubles of one sort or another; you will feel burdened and unhappy at times. But if you continue to labor for your Master in spite of your feelings, you will eventually feel better. And your labor will not be in vain.

The Bible says "doubtless" here as an extra assurance. We know that every promise in God's word is doubtless, so that word is not really necessary. But God in His mercy knows how weary His servants can become. And those who are working extra hard will be under extra attack. But we will also bear extra fruit, and we have this extra confidence: "doubtless." There is no question about it, no room for fear or worry or doubt. You may be weeping now but one day-perhaps sooner than you think-the heaviness will be replaced by joyous victory, and there will be fruit for all to see,

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NOTE: A reader responded to my recent article on sexual temptation by asking whether masturbation is a sin, and wanting to know how to help young people facing this question. I did not feel that this subject was of general interest so I chose not to answer the letter in this column. However, my response to the reader is available to anyone who wants it for use in ministry to youth or for personal use. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me care of Elder David Hall, THE WHOLE TRUTH, P.O. Box 2017, Memphis, Tn. 38101.

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